



Town of Rowe
Finance Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 14, 2021–6:00 p.m.
Rowe Town Hall – Hearing Room 1

Finance Committee: Dan Pallotta, Chair, Wayne Zavotka (participating via emote, Loretta Dionne (participating via remote), C. Selmi Hyytinen (from 6:28 pm to 6:36 pm)
Board of Selectmen: Chair Charles Sokol, Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie, Selectman Ed Silva
Present: Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau

Call to Order: Chair Pallotta called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

Roll Call Vote: Wayne Zavotka – yes Loretta Dionne – yes
Dan Pallotta – yes C. Selmi Hyytinen – Absent
1 Vacant Position

Discussion about Funding of Police Training and Cruiser Discussion:

Police Training:

Finance Committee Chair Dan Pallotta opened the meeting stating that he had conducted some research regarding required Police training for part-time police officers to now have training equivalent to full-time officers. Since Officers with a last name A-H are to be trained this year, in Rowe there is the need to have funding to train one officer before the end of the fiscal year and others can be funded from regular budget. Pallotta said it was the up to the policy set by the Selectmen whether training time be covered for time over and above regular time. It was agreed that any time in training that was personal time be covered by the town. Pallotta said he would like to have a better presentation with more detail in the future by Police Chief. Chair Pallotta said there is no alternative but to fund the training that was not a part of last year's budget requests and said the Board should express the grave financial impact it brings to the small towns. There is a concern that once part-time officers are trained to the full-time level, that they might seek full-time employment elsewhere as well as the part-time officers who may perform occasional detail work will not be able to complete the training.

MOTION: Wayne Zavotka made a motion to approve \$7000.00 be taken from a Reserve Fund Transfer in FY22 to move to Police Officer Training Account 01-210-5126-00000 to pay for required police training. The motion was seconded by Chair Pallotta.

Roll Call Vote: Wayne Zavotka – yes Loretta Dionne – yes
Dan Pallotta – yes C. Selmi Hyytinen – Absent
1 Vacant Position

Cruiser Discussion:

Chair Sokol asked Selectmen and Finance Committee members Wayne Zavotka and Loretta Dionne whether they agree with his recollection that the intention was to keep the Rowe Police Dept. with one cruiser and that the 2nd cruiser would be retired as soon as the expenses increased to a considerable amount. Chair Sokol, Selectmen Silva, Vice-Chair Semanie, Wayne Zavotka and Loretta Dionne agreed that the intention was to retire the 2nd cruiser when

expenses increased to a point where it did not make sense to put money into it and have the Police Dept. have one cruiser only. Chair Sokol acknowledged that Chief Shippee completed a 'Hardship Request' regarding Rowe providing their own police cruiser for the weeklong Emergency Vehicle Operator Course Training.

C. Selmi Hyytinen entered the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Discussion about FY23 Budget Hearings

Chair Pallotta presented the Board with the FY23 Budget Hearing Schedule which was to take place on Monday nights starting in November.

Adjournment:

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chair Pallotta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by Wayne Zavotka.

Roll Call Vote: Wayne Zavotka – yes
Dan Pallotta – yes
1 Vacant Position

Loretta Dionne – yes
C. Selmi Hyytinen – yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

Approval Date: *Nov 9, 2022*

Approved:



Dan Pallotta, Chair



Loretta Dionne



Wayne Zavotka

C. Selmi Hyytinen

Documents:

1. Agenda October 14, 2021
2. FY22 RFT 01